INTERVIEWS AND THREE WAY CONFERENCES

I am sure that each and every parent has a much clearer picture of their child’s strengths and areas in need of improvement, as a result of receiving student reports this week. Teachers also gave suggestions to parents of ways to support their children at home.

Hopefully you were able to spend some time reading through the report together and congratulating them on their many achievements throughout Semester 1.

If you have any queries regarding your child’s report please contact your child's teacher. At the beginning of Term 3 students will bring home their Student Portfolio. This will be followed by Three Way Conferences, which will be held Mid-Term 3. Dates for these conferences will be published early Term 3. A reminder that you can arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher at any time during the course of the year if you have need to discuss your child’s progress.

The children and teachers have worked so very hard this semester and have a great deal to feel proud about!

WINTER SOIREE

Congratulations to all our students who performed at our Winter Soiree this week. As I said to our music teachers afterwards, over the last three years it’s been wonderful to see the development of our musicians over the course of that time! Well done to everyone and of course to our music teachers: Erika, Naomi, Ash and Seb and to Darcy and Marvin for another great job in MC’ing the afternoon.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from 25 July to 5 August 2016.

The survey is an important part of every school’s parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement.

Parents from our community are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey, which is confidential and anonymous.

If you are contacted to complete the survey, please ensure that you return your completed survey to the school by 5 August. For any queries, please contact the school.

MASTERPLAN:

In both the office foyer and on the outside notice board you will note shortly the display of our new buildings. Please take some time to have a look and if you would like to contact me at school I would be more than happy to take you through our plans thus
END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS:
FREE DRESS DAY – FRIDAY 24 JUNE - GOLD COIN DONATION
Please be aware of the timetable for Friday, June 24. This is the last day of Term Two.

9.00am– 11.00am  Students in class
11.00am – 11.30am  Morning recess play
11.30am – 1.00pm  Students in class
1.00am – 1.10pm  Students eating lunch in classroom
1.10am – 2.00pm  Lunch playtime
2.10pm  Whole school assembly
2.30pm  Students dismissed from classroom

No Student of the Week awards will be presented at this assembly. OshClub will commence at 2.30pm on this day.

Staffing news:
It gives me great pleasure to announce that from early in Term 3, Ms Jackie Knight will be taking maternity leave. I know you will join with me in congratulating both Ms Knight and her partner Will on their wonderful news and their impending arrival in the coming months.

Arrangements regarding a replacement teacher have been completed and I am very pleased to announce that Ms Stephanie Walker will teach our 1K class for the remainder of the year. Ms Walker will commence her time at Parkhill on Monday 11 July, Day 1 of Term 3.

Ms Walker is a very experienced teacher who has 8 years’ experience at Point Cook PS, teaching Prep and Year 2 and more recently at Athol Road PS teaching in the younger years’ unit. Ms Walker impressed our selection panel with her vast experience and creative ideas on how to engage and support students and develop student’s understanding of themselves as learners.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish all students and families a wonderful holiday. It has been a great Term 2 at Parkhill and we look forward to what Term 3 will bring.

We welcome the community using our facilities during the holiday break as it is great seeing children and families being active and playing outdoors, however, if you see anyone acting suspiciously or inappropriately around the school grounds please contact the Mount Waverley Police Station on 9888 3755.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 11 July.

Have a great holiday!
Rod McKinlay
## 2016 Calendar of Curriculum events

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### Student of the Week

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### Birthdays July

- Mitchell H
- Minhn T
- Sullivan A
- Nikola A
- Kira S
- Qing Z
- Joman M
- Tessa R
- Flynn B
- Ablgail Y
- Theodore M
- James D
- Dylan W
- Alex C
- William L
- Anna S
- Isaac M
- Ivan Z
- Lachlan S
- Archie N
- Samuel T
- Titchiang K
- Jessica A
- Kalara M
- Jethro D
- Bella P
- Freddy X

### Birthdays June

- Luca E
- Daniel Z
- Ashleigh B
- Benjamin F
- Matthew L
- Mikayla J
- Oscar P
- Taylor F
- Harry B
- Angela W
- Ashlan T
- Tom P
- Ava M
- Harmony O
- Tom H
- Elizabeth T
- Evan L
- Leah P
- Jack D
- Marvin E
- Madi H
- Nicholas O
- Eli H
- James L
- Wijaya K
- Indra K
- Bethany C
- Rafael J
- Jeffrey C
**Beetroot Brownies**

**Ingredients:**
- 500g of raw beetroot (3-4 medium beetroot)
- 100g unsalted butter
- 200g 70% chocolate
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 250g caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 100g plain flour
- 25g cocoa powder

**Method:**

Wear a pair of rubber gloves to stop your hands from staining, then top, tail and peel the beetroot – you’ll need about 400g of flesh. Roughly chop and put into a large bowl. Add a splash of water, cover with cling film, then microwave on High for 12 mins or until tender.

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. While the beetroot cooks, butter then line a 20 x 30cm tray. Roughly chop the chocolate and cut the butter into cubes. Tip the cooked beetroot into a sieve, drain off any excess liquid, then put into a food processor or blender with the chocolate, butter and vanilla. Whizz until the mix is as smooth as you can get it. The chocolate and butter will melt as you do this.

Put the sugar and eggs into a large bowl, then beat using an electric hand whisk until thick, pale and foamy, about 2 mins. Spoon the beetroot mix into the bowl (it won’t look too pretty at this stage, but bear with me), then use a large metal spoon to fold it into the whisked eggs. Try to conserve as much air in the mixture as you can. Sift in the flour and cocoa powder, then gently fold these in to make a smooth batter.

Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 25 mins or until risen all over, with just the merest quiver under the centre of the crust when you shake the pan. Cool completely in the tin, then cut into squares.

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**Science – Little Scientist, Big Science program**

“Wow, I didn’t know fire could burn in all these different colours!” exclaimed Jack. “That’s very interesting!”

On Wednesday 15th June The Little Scientist, Big Science crew went to John Monash Science School. At this session we talked about what project we were going to research and present on Monday 24th October, the night of the John Monash Science School Fair. Jack and William will explore how and why we can get different coloured flames. Mozhda and Ashleigh are looking at plant health after feeding them different liquids.

Thanks for reading, bye!

Mozhda, Ashleigh. Jack and William
Chaplain’s Corner

I’m bored!!!

The catch cry of children on holidays everywhere or at least it used to be. I’m not sure we hear it so much anymore in this era of information overload. We seem to go to great lengths to fill every moment with noise, entertainment or information. But is boredom really so bad?

Boredom, stillness, silence. They are important commodities often lost in our modern world. The gaps, however, are the places where the mind wanders and ponders. It begins to ask questions, to dream, to create. How many stories, blanket forts, masterpieces, crazy pizza toppings or marvellous creations could come about as a result of giving our kids the gift of a little boredom?

Give them the raw materials and let them see where their imagination takes them. Some blank sheets of paper, pencils, a box of blankets, old bits and pieces and some glue, access to some pantry items if they’re a bit older (or you’re game!) They might not thank you for it now but it will teach them valuable skills in creativity, resourcefulness, self-sufficiency, teamwork (if there’s a sibling or friend around) and the like.

We’ll have a go at some “boredom” in our house these holidays…. I don’t know if we’ll make it past the first weekend but you never know, it could end up being fun!

Suzanne Carmody
School Disco – TONIGHT!!!!
The School Disco is on tonight and we want to take this opportunity to communicate some key messages. Your understanding of these guidelines and your patience on the night will be greatly appreciated by our team of volunteers and should help things to run smoothly.

1. This event is designed for the kids and as a result, parents do not attend the disco. Parents are of course invited to attend the Parents Retreat downstairs in the Science Room. A cold coin donation is requested for entry. Please be aware that under no circumstance will children be allowed at the Parents Retreat.

2. On the evening, children will be dropped off at the main doors to the hall. They will make their payment of $5 at the door (please bring exact change) and their attendance will then be marked off. Pick up will be via the side door (beside the playground) - please do not try to collect your children via the front door. Upon entering the hall via the side door, parents will find children sitting on the floor with their respective class. Parents should then approach the volunteer assigned to their child’s class, sign the child out and then depart.

If you have volunteered to help out tonight you should have received a reminder email from VolunteerSpot in the past couple of days. Please make sure you arrive a few minutes early so that everything runs smoothly.

Ladies Night
Our Ladies Night plans are now well underway and we are getting really excited about what promises to be a fantastic evening. Please lock the evening of Saturday July 30th into your diaries – this will be one evening not to be missed!

PFA Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th July at 2:30pm in the Meeting Room near the office. All are welcome. If you have any questions about the PFA or attending meetings please contact PFA Secretary Wendy Douglas on 0420 657 007 or via parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com

Going shopping these holidays?
Please remember to mention Parkhill Primary when going shopping at Camberwell Electrics, Amart Sports and Bakers Delight. As a result of the loyalty we show to them, they generously supply us with cash, vouchers or gifts that go towards our fundraising efforts.
Holiday Program – Bookings Now Open

These holidays are going to be epic! We’re treating kids with a huge array of awesome activities to help keep them warm and entertained! Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program service operating at your school these holidays! We’ll be providing full day holiday programs for kids aged 5-12 each and every day of the school holiday break from 8am-6pm! All children from any school are welcome.

All programs are fully rebatable for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates, which means you only pay half, if not less! Staff are fully qualified, Working With Children Checked and are either teachers or studying in the field…not to mention great fun!

For more information, please visit www.teamholiday.com.au or call our friendly staff on 03 9532 0366.

“Holiday Program at Parkhill Primary School these holidays! Check out www.teamholiday.com.au or call 95320366. Let the fun begin!

UJEBSRI TERM 2

Jewish RE in Term 2 commenced with the Passover Holiday celebration and covered the count to the Festival of Shavuot when the Bible was received. The children learned and revised the Ten Commandments with an emphasis on the fifth one, Honoring Parents. The curriculum also covered Israel and Yom HaAtzmaut as well as the concept of mitzvot, good deeds.

Term three will concentrate on Jewish Symbols, their origin and significance, the Temple and values learned through Biblical stories. It will culminate with an end of term assembly for Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year which will be enhanced by art and craft activities.

New students are welcome to join and those registered are encouraged to attend regularly.

Riva & Dani
Little Literacy Learners Program

is a specialised, supported practice time for children in early primary school who require additional practice to develop their foundational literacy and handwriting skills.

Our experienced therapists will support your child to build on their knowledge of letters and sounds, sight words, sound blending, letter formation and pencil grip in a small group environment.

When: Week 1: 23/6, 29/6, 30/6,
Week 2: 5/7, 6/7, 7/7
Time: 2 – 3:30pm

Where: Kids Connect Therapy, 45 Varmian Drive, ASHWOOD 3147

A written progress summary will be provided following the completion of a three program sessions. This will be useful for you to provide to your child's classroom teacher in 2016.

Please contact us to book your child’s place and to discuss the program on 9807 1114.

Beginner Camp
Introduce and master the fundamentals of the game and be ready to join a domestic team for Summer 2016 / 17
Building confidence whilst having fun!
Ideal for players 6 - 14 years who are looking to start playing basketball next season!

4th July & 5th July
10am - 3pm
$55 per day per participant
Waverley Basketball Stadium, Batesford Road, Chadstone
All ages and skills are invited to attend
Register ONLINE to book your spot
www.tinyurl.com/bBallcamps

Advanced Camp
Refine your skills to take your game to the next level
Be ready to be challenged to be your best!
Ideal for players who are looking to try out for Rep Basketball in October

7th July & 8th July
10am - 3pm
$55 per day per participant
Waverley Basketball Stadium, Batesford Road, Chadstone
All ages and skills are invited to attend
Register ONLINE to book your spot
www.tinyurl.com/bBallcamps

9am to 3pm

Make, Bake & Swap
Let's put some fun into making lunchboxes!

Tired of the same lunchbox everyday?
Searching for healthy & yummy lunchbox ideas?

Make, Bake & Swap to the rescue!

We'll make together, bake together, swap and no doubt laugh a lot.

Places are limited
Register your interest by texting 'Make Bake & Swap' including your email address to Chilissy 0407 197 864.

When & where: Tuesday OR Wednesday's @ the school canteen.
The time and frequency of the make, bake & swap will be determined via an online poll, which will be sent to participants after registration.